(d) whether the Government have conducted any survey to find out whether it is feasible to have a silk based industry in the said taluk ?

SRI K. B. SHIVAIAH (Minister for Sericulture and Horticulture):—

(a) 4,800 acres

(b) 160 tonnes (estimated).

(c) There are 894 Ancillary units working in Chikkaballapur taluk, which are engaged in Silk Industry.

(d) No.

SMT. RENUKA RAJENDRAN :—In reply to supplementary question (d) the answer is 'no'. May I know the reason for this? Will it not be in the interest of developing silk industry in Chickaballapur and te provide employment? that sericulture cultivation should be taken up in Chickaballapur?

† SRI K.B. SHIVAIAH.—We have not conducted any survey so far.

SMT RENUKA RAJENDRAN.—Is it not a fact that silk produced in Chickaballapur is of better quality?

SRI K.B. SHIVAIAH.—Yes.

SMT RENUKA RAJENDRAN.—Then, why not the Government think of establishing an industry in Chickaballapur?

SRI K.B. SHIVAIAH.—That will be considered.

SRI M. ABDUL LATIF.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the price of silk yarn is going down and there is slump in the silk market? Has the Government any measure to arrest this trend?

SRI K.B. SHIVAIAH.—I think it is not connected with the main question. Let the Hon. member put a separate question.

SMT RENUKA RAJENDRAN.—When the World Bank is assisting in developing this industry in our State, is there any additional plans prepared for the State and particularly to Chickballapur Taluk?

SRI K.B. SHIVAIAH.—That will be taken note of.

Merger of Karnataka Vidyuth Karkhane Ltd. with NGEF

638 SRI S.M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASHEKAR (Hosanagar)—Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state —

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Vidyuth Karkhane Ltd is going to be merged with NGEF ;

(b) if so, what happens to the proposed expansion programme of the said Karkhane;

(c) the reasons why the Karkhane was registered as a separate Company, when it was intended to be merged in NGEF Ltd. ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(a) There is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) This does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಶೀರ್ನಳ್ಳಿ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್.—ಜಿ.ಇ.ಎಫ್ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯು ಯಾವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಅವಗಾಹನೆಗೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಈಗ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯನ್ನು ಎನ್.ಜಿ.ಇ. ಎಫ್. ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ವಿಲೀನಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆಂಬ ವಿಚಾರ ಜನಜನಿತವಾಗಿದೆ, ಹೀಗಿದ್ದರೂ ತಾವು ಸತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ದೂರವಾದ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ.

† SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—The hon. member wanted to know whether there was any attempt to merge this KAVIKA with N.G.E.F. The answer to that is 'no'. It is a separate company formed and already working.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಶೀರ್ನಳ್ಳಿ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್.—ನನ್ನ "ಆ" ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರಿಸುತ್ತಾ 'ಆ' ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು ಉದ್ಭವಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ಜಿ.ಇ.ಎಫ್. ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಮಾಡುವ ವಿಷಯ ಬಹಳ ದಿವಸಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ಕೇಳಿಬರುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಈ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಕೈ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರೆಂದು ನಾವು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳೋಣವೇ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Once it was examined whether it could be merged with the N.G.E.F. Later on it was decided that the proposal was not feasible. A separate company has been formed in 1973-74. We are not thinking of merging. A separate company has been formed and it is working.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಶೀರ್ನಳ್ಳಿ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಈಗ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪೆಯ್ಡ್ ಆಫ್ ಕ್ಯಾಪಿಟಲ್ ಏನು ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರ ಲಾಭಾಂಶವೇನು ? ಆದರಿಂದ ಲಾಭ ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆಯೇ? ಹಾಗೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದರೆ ಕೆಲಸಕಾರ್ಯಗಳು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ ಇಲ್ಲ ಬಾಕಿ ಇದೆಯೇ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—In answer to(a), I have said that there is no such proposal. If the hon. member wants to know the details about the working of the company which was formed in 1977-78, let him put a separate question and I will be able to furnish the replies.

Legislator's Home Extension Building

724 SRI B.V. RAMACHANDRA REDDY (Varthur)—Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that earth work for the construction of Legislator's Home extension building at Bangalore has been given on contract without alling for tenders;